



Denney Whitford/ Raleigh West NAC

Thursday, March 26, 2009

Thank you for coming out and sharing your thoughts and ideas about Beaverton's future with me at your NAC meeting. You'll find the topics that we discussed, your feedback and any follow-up below. Of course, my door is always open and I look forward to hearing more from you. My email address is mayormail@ci.beaverton.or.us or you can reach me at (503) 526-3700.

- Mayor Denny Doyle

Note to reader: These notes reflect the questions and concerns this neighborhood raised during our Meet the Mayor Meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2009. They will not be updated in real time and do not necessarily reflect the current status of the issues addressed. For the most current information please visit the Denney Whitford/Raleigh West NAC's monthly meeting minutes.

HERE'S WHAT WE DISCUSSED...

- **Building relationships within our community:** It's so important to have strong relationships with our regional partners and local businesses. Building more community involvement is an important starting point, I encourage you to volunteer or join a City board or commission.
- **Diversity in our community:** One of my top priorities is to celebrate, integrate, challenge, involve and include everyone that makes up our diverse community. Dozens of local cultural leaders recently attended the first-ever Beaverton Multi-cultural Leadership Forum.
- **The economy:** Our budget has been and continues to be in pretty good shape, but we need to plan for the future and we owe it to our residents to be prudent. I've already set put in place constraints to make sure our budget stays healthy. In addition, we're working with local service organizations to make sure they have the resources they need to take care of the hungry in our community. I'll be asking for your help to make that happen.
- **Bringing family wage jobs to Beaverton:** We'll be focusing on bringing more family wage jobs to Beaverton by actively seeking out business development opportunities such as companies that are complementary to larger nearby manufacturers, green businesses that are a good fit within our community and niche businesses that build upon our strengths. I'm committed to balancing the needs of business with those of the community.
- **Planning for the future:** We need to make sure we have a plan, whether for 10 or 20 or even 30 years, to revitalize our commercial centers and to accommodate anticipated growth here in Beaverton. The Beaverton Community Vision is now on track to deliver that plan, which was created through public input, at the beginning of next year. Urban renewal is one tool we can use to make that happen.

FOLLOW-UP: THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS...

- **What is Beaverton's downtown?**
 - There is not a downtown Beaverton. (most agreed with this statement)



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- Old Town
- Area lacks a cohesive theme
- **What do you consider your shopping area?**
 - Beaverton Mall
 - Washington Square
 - Raleigh Hills
 - "Five Corners" area (intersection of Scholls Ferry and Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway)
- **What changes would you like to see in your neighborhood?**
 - Guidelines for residential areas
 - Strengthen municipal code
 - More front porches
 - More pedestrian friendly areas including adding sidewalks
 - Fill in ditch on Denny Road
 - Sidewalk on Scholls Ferry Road
 - Illustrate what jurisdictions oversee neighborhoods on a map
 - More mixed-use areas that are pedestrian friendly
 - Be more neighborly to help each other in emergencies
- **Should we invest in the arts?**
 - Yes, we don't want to travel to Portland
 - Greenwood Inn site should be utilized
- **Questions and additional comments from the NAC membership:**
 - Is Wall-Mart considering a Beaverton area store? Locate it at the old Greenwood Inn site
 - Concern about trains in the downtown area. Timing the signals would help alleviate traffic
 - The lights on 217 for rush hour come on at night. ODOT controls those lights, citizens should contact ODOT when the lights are on, but not needed
 - Concerns about the removal of dirt in the floodplain on Fanno Creek. Mayor will contact THPRD and discuss the Fanno Creek extension
 - Five corners intersection is a concern. Washington County controls the intersection
 - Elementary school at Beaverton High School? Currently renovating
 - When is the Greenwood Inn property going to be cleaned up?
 - Concerns were raised about notification of neighbors when Police Emergencies occur nearby
 - Concerns were raised about 101st Ave. houses and code violations. Possible Rotary Club help with the resident who has unusable pool that needs to be removed and cleaned up. The metal could be salvaged.
 - Code for parking boats on front yards should be written. The NAC could send a letter to the City Council to strengthen ordinance related to parking boats in front yards.